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June 19, 1972 [right after break-in]

On 6 November 1970, Subject was granted a Covert Security Approval for use by Central Cover Staff with Robert R. Mullen and Co., a Public Relations firm with offices at 1729 H St., NW, Wash, EC.

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Subject has in the past, been of operational interest to Mr. James Angleton, Chief CI Staff/DDP in connection with an operational matter.

Fred Hubbard, CI, will provide info.

[marginal note by PDS on his copy of Deep Politics, quoting a document that was written by CIA just after Watergate break-in; released when?

He has document somewhere.

PDS reads this as Hunt retaining an intimate covert relationship with CIA after his "retirement" (which may or may not have been a full, "real" retirement, but was just pro forma as far as his real relationship with the agency was concerned.

Thus, repeated assertions by Hunt and CIA officials like Helms, Cushman and Walters that Hunt had retired and ceased all formal relations with the Agency in 1970 were simply lies! And Hunt was a CIA operative in the White House (first working for Colson, until after the break-in, though Kehrli pre-dated his departure), in the Plumbers, and in Watergate! (and while on trial?! Was he ever severed from the Agency? Is he, yet? In prison?!) Note that he didn't have the emotional concern that McCord did against using the "CIA defense".

And note his strong emotional feeling that CIA owed him, and the others, full support, financial and otherwise; and that they hadn't come through, that they had betrayed him.

Doesn't this--along with the fact that Martinez was a full-time paid operative throughout, with a case officer--put a new light on the whole issue of whether the Watergate break-in was not "a CIA caper"?

And why was Hunt put on a cover status? PDS' belief is that he came to be used by Helms to spy on the White House, and even to gather counter-blackmail material on them, or to screw them up. Could this have been true from the beginning? (Or for some other reason, in 1970?)

Why was Hunt seeing Barker and Artime and others on April 15, 1971, at Bay of Pigs Day in Miami? That has never been explained.

And for whom was he doing it?!

(Could it have had anything to do with the Huston Plan--to which Helms was favorable--and the need to support the NSA in doing break-9ns to embassies to get codes for NSA, Gayler? See use of Sturgis and Barker in breaking into the Chilean Embassy in 1972.)

As for Angleton reference, PDS finds it ambiguous: of operational interest could mean either that Hunt was a <u>target</u> of CI/Angleton, or was being used to spy on other CIA agents in a hunt for a mole.

PDS thinks at the time of the assassination, Oswald was being used by CIA in a high-level operation attempting to trap a mole; but also conceivably was being used (or his name was being used--he may never have gone to Mexico) in an anti-Castro operation, involving Mexico.